(d) The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 47.46 crores.

(e) While the data acquisition and data interpretation are likely to be completed by March 2003 and March 2004 respectively, the project is likely to be completed by 2005.

Upgradation of Jaiton Gangsar Railway Station

1422. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of representations received for upgradation of Jaiton Gangsar Railway Station of Northern Railway;

(b) since when the matter has been pending with the Railways;

(c) whether Government propose to upgrade this Railways Station, in view of the historical importance and tourism value of the city; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether demand to raise the platform has been pending for the last thirty years; if so, by when it is likely to be raised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This station is a "E" category station and adequate facilities as per the laid down norms have already been provided. There is no proposal to upgrade the station presently.

(d) No demand has been received for raising of platforms. Further, existing platforms are of adequate height required as per the laid down norms.

Installation of Captive Power Plants

†1423. PROF. R.B.S. VERMA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 26, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 2002 and state:

(a) the expenditure to be incurred on the joint venture power projects of the Ministry of Railways and NTPC;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details regarding the approximate annual savings of the Railways by these projects; and

(c) the cost of the electricity procurred by the Railways from NTPC during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) the anticipated expenditure and annual savings will be known only after techno-economic feasibility study report is finalized by the project committee which has already been constituted.

(c) Railways are availing power from NTPC at one point only since November' 2000 Total amount paid to NTPC during 2000-2001 was Rs. 21.47 crores and during 2001-2002 (Upto January 2002) is Rs. 68. 67 crores.

Condition of Railway Stations in NE Region

1424. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of effective measures being taken by Government to improve the condition of railway stations in the North-Eastern Region; and

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the same during the last three years, year-wise/station-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) To improve the conditions of the stations in Northeast Region, large number of passenger amenity works such as construction of Computerised Reservation Centre, retiring rooms, extension of passenger platform sheds, additional platforms, provision of foot over bridges, improvement to waiting halls, provision of kota stone flooring at important stations, improvement to water supply etc. have been undertaken and completed. A list of important works completed during last five years and important works in progress is given in Statement I (*See* below).

In addition, 12 stations in the Northeast viz. Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Srirampur, Kamakhaya, Guwahati, Lumding, Silchar, New Tinsukia, Jorhat Town, Dibrugarh Town, Dimapur and Dharamnagar have been nominated to be developed as Model Stations. Upgraded facilities as per laid down scale of Model Stations are being provided at these stations.

(b) The year-wise and station-wise details of funds allocated and utilized for the same during last three years is given in Statement II.